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Applicant(s): Pauley et al.  
Serial No.: 10/620,397  
For: Rapid Expansion Tampon Pledget  
Filed: July 16, 2003  
Examiner: Kidwell, Michelle M.  
Art Unit: 3761  
Confirmation No.: 9543  
Customer No.: 27,623

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing a response to the communication dated November 30, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.


CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	45	Minus	46	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	Minus	4	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$360.00 = \$	
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES					\$0.00	
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY					\$N/A	

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

       A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

December 13, 2005  
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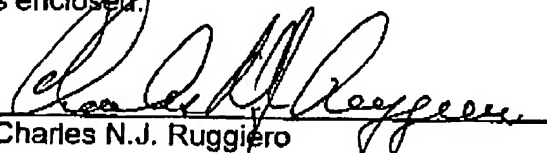
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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated  
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